

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-6, 8, and 16-33 are all the claims pending in the application, claim 34 has been cancelled by the present amendment, claims 2, 7, and 9-15 having previously been canceled, claims 16-34 having been previously added. Claims 1, 5, 8, 24, and 30 are the only independent claims.

Claims 30-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 16-24, and 27-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Saito et al. (U.S. patent 6,469,440) in view of Wantanabe (WO 03/040782) and Kamiya et al. (WO 02/066570). Claims 25 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saito in view of Wantanabe, Kamiya, and further in view of Shimamura et al. (U.S. 6,808,773). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections, and requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the following arguments.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Office Action identified an apparent discrepancy in the wording of claim 30. It is believed that the forgoing amendment to this claim remedies the stated deficiencies. Withdrawal of this rejection is believed proper and is respectively requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 16-24, and 27-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Saito, Wantanabe, and Kamiya.

Claim 1 recites “a frame adhesive located between an antireflection layer and an electromagnetic shielding layer of the front filter.” It is believed that this feature, among others, are not taught or reasonably suggested by the cited references.

With regard to Saito, Applicant assumes *arguendo* that adhesive 4D and black paint 6 discloses the claimed “frame adhesive,” mesh 3 discloses the claimed “electromagnetic shielding,” and base plate 2A discloses the claimed “antireflection layer. Even if this were correct, Saito does not teach or suggest that adhesive 4D and black paint 6 are located between base plate 2A and mesh 3. Indeed, Fig. 1 of Saito expressly indicates that adhesive 4D and black paint 6 are located some distance away from (and most definitely not between) base plate 2A and mesh 3. Fig. 1 of Saito is clear on this point. Because of this deficiency, Saito cannot teach or suggest the above-identified element of claim 1.

Watanabe is also deficient inasmuch that this reference is silent on the use of an electromagnetic shielding layer. Moreover, Kamiya is silent as to either an antireflection layer or electromagnetic shielding layer.

For at least these reasons, claim 1 is believed patentable since even if one were to combine the teachings of the identified references in the manner alleged, all of the claim elements are not met. Independent claims 5, 8, 24, and 30 are patentably distinct for similar reasons, and the rejected claims which depend from these independent claims are believed patentable at least by virtue of their dependence on the patentable independent claims.

Claims 25 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saito in view of Watanabe, Kamiya, and further in view of Shimamura. Applicant submits that Shimamura does not supply any of the deficiencies of Saito, Watanabe, and Kamiya. Accordingly, claims 25 and 26 would be patentable at least by virtue of their dependency upon

patentable independent claim 24.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above remarks, Applicant submits that the present Amendment places all claims of the present application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

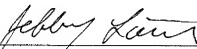
If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California, telephone number (213) 623-2221 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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